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At this time of our 39th Birthday, I express my thanks to those who faithfully and generously support our work of involvement. The extent of your involvement with our partners and financial supporters, direct bearing upon the extent of our resou-

It is not unusual these days to hear about people refusing to go to the assistance of another person, or refusing to come forward as a witness, on the ground that they didn't want to become involved. At times, some very tragic things have happened, that could have been prevented, if only another person or persons had been willing to be involved in someone else's need or problem.

Do you sometimes find it difficult to get involved in helping to meet the needs of other people? I think many people have difficulties about this. It may have something to do with our basic human selfishness. Given time and much practice most people can probably become adept at insultingly themselves from the hard task of real involvement with people at the point of their greatest need.

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Well — what do I lack?
Knowledge? Skill? Attitude?
What is my standpoint?
What do I see as I look at the man opposite
May I pass on to you a prayer which helps me
in my attitudes.
O Christ who sought the reconciliation of estranged
man kind,
Grant to all who seek to be the ministers of thy
but in the shame and suffering of the Cross,
not by a word of power,
Grant to all who seek to be the ministers of thy
reconciliation,
the courage that will share thy Cross,
compassion that will bind up the broken-
hearted,
and perseverance that will set the prisoner
free.

In our work with people we have three assets — our knowledge, our skills and our Attitudes. It is obvious that if we have all knowledge and are very Skilful but lack the right Attitudes then we will be

*Where are you standing?
Which way are you looking?*

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When in England last year with the Church Army I was tremendously impressed with the areas of work I was privileged to see and particularly with some work among derelict men who were methods of drinkers and alcoholics. The utterly selfless ministry of the Officer in Charge and his helpers was a great challenge to me and his example of true Christian dedication. That Officer was deeply involved with those men in their needs and problems and in all their daily affairs.

In this issue of "The Pioneer", you will read about the involvement of some of our Officers and students with men and women, youth and children in a variety of situations.

By thy love deliver us, we pray Thee,
from words lightly spoken,
from a false appearance of concern, and
from the cowardice which promises a peace
where there is none.
Take from us all restless striving for success,
and make us to abide only in that will
which is our Peace, both now and in eternity.

We must also see what a man can become and where his destiny lies. He is a child of God walk-ing in His Father's world — yet here he has no abiding city.

St. John records in his gospel, ch. I, 42 that when Jesus first looked at Peter he said, "Thou art . . . Thou shalt be." When God looks at a man He is always a realist, "Thou art"; He sees what material he has to deal with. But the Gospel is Good News precisely because it offers a transformation — "Thou shalt be..". God sees what this man can become. The standardpoint from which we look at men will determine what we see.

